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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health to the Port Health Authority (Penzance Division) for the year ending 31st December, 1952.

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Gentlemen:-

My Annual Report for the year 1952 is as follows:-

Schedule I. Amount of Shipping entering the Port during the year 1952.

The amount of Shipping entering the Port within your Jurisdiction, which comprises the Penzance Harbour and Docks, Newlyn Harbour, Mousehole Harbour and the Harbour of St. Michael's Mount was as follows:- Foreign Steamers and Foreign Motor Vessels - 31; Foreign Fishing Craft - 217; British Steamers and Motor Ships - 697; British sailing ships - Nil; British Fishing Craft - 190. Of these 67 were inspected by your Medical Officer of Health and Deputy Medical Officer of Health, and 106 by your Sanitary Inspector. All shipping inspected was found to be in a satisfactorily sanitary condition and no orders had to be made. Requests for Medical Aid to ships at sea are transmitted via the Land's End Radio Station to the Port Medical Officer of Health. During 1952, 37 such messages were dealt with.

Schedule II. Character of the Trade of the Port.

(a) Passenger Traffic. This is wholly composed of Passenger Traffic between Penzance and the Isles of Scilly. During the year the number of passengers carried was - Inwards, 19,176; Outwards, 19,283. The great majority of these is comprised of day or town trippers.

(b) Cargo Traffic. This consists of Coal and General goods imports carried by Coastwise Traffic, and flowers and vegetables from the Isles of Scilly.

Exports from Penzance:- Coal and General goods to the Isles of Scilly.

Imports at Penzance:- Flowers and Vegetables from the Isles of Scilly.

Exports from Newlyn:- Salted Pilchards to Italy. Stone to Home and Foreign Ports. There is an active fishing industry at Newlyn.

Schedules III, IV and V.

There is no alteration in the details reported in 1951 under these Schedules.

Schedule VI. Hygiene of Crews Spaces.

Owing to the fact that the greater part of the shipping using your Ports is Coastwise, and therefore subject to frequent inspection the number of nuisances in connection with Crew's spaces is very small indeed. No orders had to be made during 1952.

TABLE "A"

		Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected By the Medical Officer of Health	Number Inspected By the Sanitary Inspector	Number reported to be defective	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied	Number of vessels on which defects were found and reported to Min. of Trans. Surveyors	No. of vessels as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Disease on Board
Foreign	Steamers and Motor Vessels	31	15,247	17	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Sailing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Fishing	217	3,900	34	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total Foreign	248	19,147	51	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Coastwise	Steamers and Motor Vessels	697	227,821	27	32	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Sailing	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Fishing	190	1,900	6	63	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total Coastwise	887	229,721	33	95	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total Foreign & Coastwise	1,135	248,868	84	106	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

TABLE "B"

Passenger Traffic during the year 1952

Number of Passengers	1st, 2nd and 3rd Class	Transmigrants
Outwards: 19,283 Inwards: 19,176	All one class	Nil

TABLE "C"

Cases of Infectious sickness landed from vessels - NIL

TABLE "D"

Cases of Infectious Diseases on Vessels during the Voyage but disposed of before arrival - NIL

TABLE "E"

Rats destroyed on Vessels - NIL

TABLE "F"

Rats destroyed during the year in Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses -

Black	Nil
Brown	14
Species not recorded	Nil
Examined	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE "G"

Not applicable.

TABLE "H"

Not applicable.

TABLE "J"

Nationality of Vessel	Number Inspected during the year	Classification of Nuisances: Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear and tear	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to Health
British	173	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other Nations	62	Nil	Nil	Nil

Schedule VII. Food Inspection

The only Food-stuffs landed at your Ports comes in Coastwise Traffic from other Home Ports as part of General Cargoes. No food-stuff is landed direotly from Foreign Ports.

There is no alteration in details reported in 1951 under this Schedule.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. LESLIE, M.O.H.